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**Meeting Minutes
Lansing, Michigan
February 15, 2007**

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Call to Order

President Bus Spaniola called the Board of Directors (Board) meeting of the Friends of Michigan History (Friends) to order at 10:07 AM.

Board Members Present: Keith Harrison, Richard Johnson, Keith Pohl, Charles Seeley, Tom Shawver, Bus Spaniola, Louise Stilwill, Paul Tarr, Tom Truscott, Bill Wellman, and Geneva Wiskemann.

Board Members Absent: Adriana Greci Green and David Brickey.

Board Members Excused: Adriana Greci Green and David Brickey.

Michigan Historical Museum (Museum) Staff Present: Chris Dancisak.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented; motion passed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as transmitted; motion passed.

President's Report

President Spaniola indicated that he would reserve his comments until the discussion of the proposed draft Memorandum of Agreement among the Friends, Michigan Historical Center Foundation, and the Michigan Historical Center under Old Business.

Treasurer Report

Balance	12-31-07	\$13,350.98
Deposit	01-19-07	<u>1,313.40</u>
	Total	= \$14,664.68

Checks

1295	Mich Council of Hist	\$	50.00
1299	Norther Mich Univ Ft Willkins	+	2,500.00
1303	Fayette Chapter	+	159.60
1304	MHCF	+	<u>972.97</u>
			\$3,682.57

Balance		- <u>3,682.57</u>
	Subtotal	= \$10,981.81

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		[Treasurer Report continued]	
(Subtotal from previous page)			\$10,981.81
Restricted Funds			
Walker Tavern	\$	616.10	
Military Exhibit	+	119.80	
Fayette	+	<u>0.00</u>	
	\$	735.90	- <u>735.90</u>
Available Funds:			= \$ 10,245.91

A motion was made and seconded to return to the General Funds the unused Restricted Funds previously set aside for use with the Military Exhibit project – with the understanding that these funds could again be placed into this Restricted Fund account if needed; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report; motion passed.

There was a question regarding the following *Constituency Description* notations from the January Friends membership report provided by the Michigan Historical Center Foundation (Foundation).

"Renewal AA-Fall03/04", "Renewal FR", and "Renewal MM"

Secretary Harrison indicated that he would find out what the notations meant and report back to the Board.

Presentation of Bills

A. \$1,000 (Forging Our Future Campaign)

A motion was made and seconded for the Treasurer to pay (Payable to the Foundation) the \$1,000.00 pledge made in May 2005 by the Board towards the Michigan Iron Industry Museum Project (Forging Our Future Campaign) pending his review to ensure that it had not been paid previously; motion passed.

Museum Report

A. *Budget* - Chris Dancisak indicated that in the absence of an agreement between the Governor and the Senate on the state budget, the Museum was currently in a waiting mode regarding its operating budget. A discussion ensued regarding the financial situation of the Museum and the state.

A motion was made and seconded that: (1) President Spaniola and Paul Tarr should jointly prepare a letter from the Board to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations regarding the issues and concerns of not supporting the state's library, museum, and other historical programs; (2) the

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letter should reference the significance of these programs to the state's economy in terms of tourism, and (3) the Governor, members of the Appropriations Committee, Foundation Directors, Board Directors, the Department Director, Friends Affiliate, Michigan Association of Libraries, and various historical organizations should be hard copied or electronically copied into this letter; motion passed.

B. *"Each of these Legs" Ticket Sales for 2/22/07* - Chris Dancisak passed out a flier and reminded the Board of the "Each of these Legs" program (the program was described previously in the January meeting minutes). He indicated that tickets could be purchased for this event in the Museum store.

C. *"Working America" Exhibit* – Chris Dancisak reminded the Board of the Museum's ongoing "Working in America" exhibit that is being held in conjunction with the Kresge Art Museum. The program was kicked off on February 6, 2007.

D. *Be a Tourist Program* - Chris Dancisak indicated that the Museum was open to ideas that might be used as an outdoor activity on Saturday June 2, 2007 in conjunction with the State's "Be a Tourist" program. President Spaniola asked Secretary Harrison to see if the local reenactment organizations might be available.

In reference to a question, Chris Dancisak indicated that the Museum did not have that much planned currently for Michigan Week. A general discussion took place with several suggestions made by the Board for Michigan focused programs (not necessarily all in conjunction with Michigan week).

Committee Reports

A. *Map Preservation Committee* – No report.

B. *2007 Veterans Day Program Committee* – Tom Shawver indicated he had located the World War II Veteran who would be a good speaker for the program. Paul Tarr indicated that he would give this person a call if he could be provided with the telephone number.

C. *Membership Committee* – No report.

D. *Board Nominating Committee* – Keith Pohl presented a list of names of possible candidates for vacant Board positions.

A motion was made and seconded to add three individuals to the Board; motion passed.

Although several names were selected by Board consensus for follow up, it was indicated that if any Board member who wished to have any of the others names on the list or names not currently on the list considered, they should contact Committee Chair Pohl.

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E. *Magazine/Military Committee* – No report.

F. *Grants Committee* – No report.

New Business

Secretary Harrison indicated that he had been contacted by Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit about the possibility of the Friends holding one of its meetings there. President Spaniola indicated that that might be an interesting place for the Board to visit sometime this summer. Mr. Harrison indicated that he would follow up on the invitation and get back to the Board.

Old Business

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to review of the proposed draft Memorandum of Agreement among the Friends, Michigan Historical Center Foundation, and the Michigan Historical Center. It was indicated that a final draft would be prepared based on today's comments.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned; motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Keith G. Harrison

Keith G. Harrison, Secretary
Board of Directors
Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

The next Regular Board meeting will be Monday, March 12, 2007, in Lansing.